



A Small Eclectic Gift Guide

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Only a few weeks are left in the holiday season if you want to give the handheld owner in your life something to make his or her Palm OS device everything it ought to be. In this issue we'll talk about software gifts for two kinds of users—the mobile professional and the home-for-the-holidays student.

When professionals take a Palm device on the road it can be much more than just an appointment book or a phone list. Today's office workers are accustomed to working with full suites of software. You can extend that experience by giving your special Palm user a suite of software that takes the whole office in hand.

QuickOffice from Cutting Edge Software is one suite gift that no Palm user is likely to send back to the store. With special holiday pricing through January 31, 2002, just \$29.95 puts an Excel-compatible spreadsheet and Word-compatible word processor on a Palm so work files can go wherever, whenever. In addition, the QuickChart program that is part of the suite lets users build charts and graphs from QuickSheet information.

Although quite a bit more expensive at \$69.95, some Palm users (especially those wed to Microsoft Office) might prefer to receive **Documents To Go Professional 4.0** from DataViz. View and edit Word and Excel files right on your Palm OS device, view PDF files with a free plug-on, and view PowerPoint presentations. (If the Palm owner in your life only needs the Word and Excel features, a Standard edition costs \$49.95).

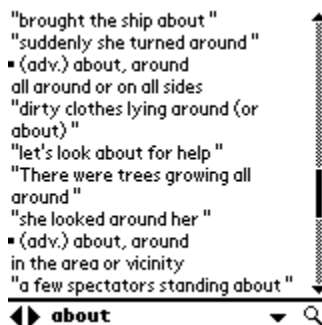
For work beyond spreadsheets and documents, a good match might be **ThinkOffice** from thinkingBytes. Along with a word processor and spreadsheet for Palm OS devices, this \$39.95 suite includes charting software, an advanced calculator, and a conversion tool for turning its spreadsheets into databases (the company also has a ThinkDB database for the Palm with a \$59.95 version that syncs with Microsoft Access).

Students who come home for the holidays can head back to campus with **4.0Student**. This \$19.99 program tracks coursework, all kinds of class information, and keeps tabs on grades so students can predict what the final outcome might be (and start cracking those e-books). An optional web option lets students store course information online.

Good reference works are essential to good student performance, so think about giving the student on your list the **Noah Pro English Dictionary** for the Palm OS. This \$19.95 dictionary includes definitions for 122,000 words. Students can even create their own specialized dictionaries for specific coursework.

Students may also appreciate a little tutorial help in their stockings, so a program like **Quizzler Pro**. This \$15 program (an excellent free version is also available) will help students study by letting them create their own short multiple choice tests.

This holiday season take matters into your own hands and get those special Palm owners useful gear.



Action Names Datebook 5.0

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Action Names Datebook focuses on the contact names in your Palm-and links them to your scheduling application. The latest version adds more than 30 features to make Action Names more productive, easier to view, and more connected.

It also blends nicely with popular (or company-mandated) scheduling programs like Outlook and Act!. Because it stores information in its native format you can still use the standard apps on your Palm device.

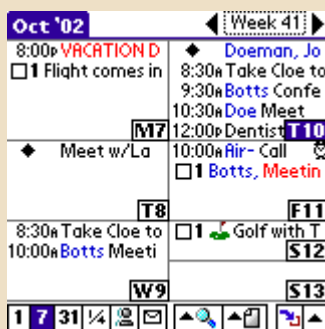
One of the top new features is the program's integration of e-mail, although you will need Iambic Mail to take advantage of this addition.

You can now turn a to-do into a meeting or link a contact to a meetings. You can set audible and vibrating alarms, set repeating to-do items, and use the program's color bars and icons to make all this information visually intuitive.

(Version 5.0 supports the high-resolution Clie

display.)

Action Names Datebook remains useful and indispensable. --PS



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By the Time I Get to Phoenix

The 7th MobileEXPO will be held Dec. 10-13 in Phoenix. Coast Mesa AZ. Exhibitors and speakers will focus on mobile and wireless issues and tools for the field. Security and success stories are at the top of the agenda. Go to www.mobileexpo.com for more information.

Palm Working its Future

With a realignment that has created two areas of emphasis—solutions and platforms—Palm announced on Nov. 28 that it was cutting 250 positions while at the same time planning to hire different staff with skills that more closely match its strategic vision. At the time we went to press, Palm expected to report revenue of between \$250 million and \$280 million for its second fiscal quarter ending Nov. 30, 2001.

New Products

Targus Takes a Shot

Targus has introduced its HandCam digital camera for the Handspring Visor. The Springboard module camera weighs 1.4 ounces, shoots images at 640 x 480 resolution, and has a swivel head. A manual focus ring gives Visor owners control over close up shots. The camera's clip-on USB connector allows it to be connected to a notebook computer so it can be used as a web cam or in a similar way. Price and availability to be determined.

NutURL 3.1a

Did you ever want to access one of your favorite web sites from a public terminal? This small database for Palm OS devices lets you track URLs, user names, passwords, registration codes and other important web surfing information. Registered users get an upgrade for converting Internet Explorer favorites. Costs \$6. [Download trial.](#)

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